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Civil Justice

Management of minors' properties by the Official Trustee.

*1953 Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Official Trustee is taking up appointments as guardian of properties of minors;

(b) whether any loss consequent upon his acting is to be borne by the Government;

(c) whether it is in the province of the Official Trustee to act as guardian of the property of the minors;

(d) in how many cases the Official Trustee of Madras is acting as guardian of the properties of minors;

(e) what are the estates in which the Official Trustee acts as guardian of the properties of minors and the values of the estates and the income out of these estates;

(f) whether the Official Trustee acts as guardian of the properties of Shanmugasundaram, a minor;

(g) whether the said Official Trustee before letting out properties of the said minor on leases for a long number of years invited offers publicly;

(h) if so, whether hand bills were circulated and if not, in what newspapers they were published;

(i) whether it is true that the said Official Trustee is acting as guardian of the property of the said minor without publicly calling for tenders and is entering into contracts for several years to the detriment of the estate;

(j) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the correspondence of the circumstances under which the lease of coconut topes was made by the Official Trustee in the above matter;

(k) whether the Government have been put to any loss consequent upon his management; and

(l) whether the Government charge any commission for such management and if so, what was the income out of this estate?

A.—(a) to (c) There is nothing to prevent the Official Trustee acting as trustee in respect of the properties of minors. The hon. Member is referred to sections 7, 10, 12 and 15 of the Official Trustee's Act, 1913.

(d) to (k) The Government have no information.

(l) Yes; but the Government have no information in regard to the estate in question.

Forests

Appointments in Forest department between 1925 and 1928.

*1954 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of appointments both temporary and permanent made in the Forest department from 1st April 1925 to 30th April 1928 in the lower subordinate and superior grades of pay;

(b) the number of Indians, Anglo-Indians and Europeans that were appointed to those posts; and